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speech by coupling the waveform element selected by the synthesis unit selection unit to the other,

5 wherein the synthesis unit selection unit selects the waveform element for the synthesis unit of the text, the synthesis unit corresponding to a boundary portion of the recorded speech, from the information of the database.

10 Furthermore, the present invention can be realized as a program that allows a computer to execute the above-described method for creating an intonation, or to function as the above-described speech synthesis apparatus. This program can be provided by being stored in a magnetic disk, an optical disk, a semiconductor memory or other recording media and then distributed, or by being delivered through a network.

15 Furthermore, the present invention can be realized by a voice server which mounts a function of the above-described voice synthesis apparatus and provides a telephone-ready service.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

20 Hereafter, the present invention will be explained based on the embodiments shown in the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing an example of a hardware configuration of a computer apparatus suitable for realizing a speech synthesis technology of this embodiment.

25 FIG. 2 is a view showing a configuration of a speech synthesis system according to this embodiment, which is realized by the computer apparatus shown in FIG. 1.